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Senator Hanna.

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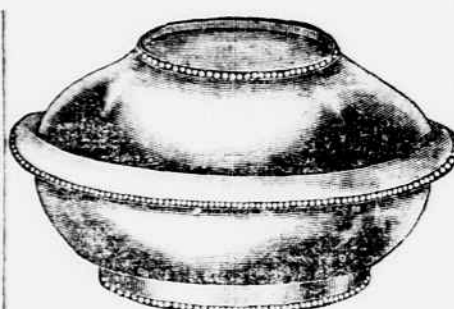
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POLITICS IN FRANCE

Real Reason for the Retirement of Freycinet.

MATTERS OF INTEREST IN LONDON

Sunday Newspapers Have Given Rise to Lots of Talk.

AMERICAN VICE-QUEENS

Special Correspondence of The Evening Star.

LONDON, May 19, 1899.

M. de Freycinet by his resignation has hoisted the flag of distress, and the disappearance of the Dupuy cabinet is only a matter of days. The minister of war is the first to leave the sinking ship. The explanation given to account for his sudden retirement may not be altogether accurate, but the real reason is patent. Any government that has the misfortune to be called upon to act on the decision of the court of cassation in the Dreyfus affair must be prepared for a degree of public opprobrium that will forever damage the reputation of many statesmen, and the minister of war will be the first person attacked by unscrupulous defenders of the general staff.

It requires great moral courage on the part of any man to adopt a course which, though he knows it to be right, cannot command the approval of a bitter and formidable faction in the state. Many French statesmen have sought to wriggle out of the responsibility of dealing with the Dreyfus case, and they have in turn bequeathed to their successors the unenviable task of meeting out justice to the real offenders. In process of time it may be possible to so scatter responsibility that an honest and courageous man may be in a position to do justice all round, without being himself disgraced as a punishment for his temerity.

Official Daily-Billing.

The process has already begun. One cabinet referred the affair to the criminal chamber of the court of cassation, the next declared that this had nothing to do with it, and when pressure was brought to bear, placed the matter in the hands of the whole court. Succeeding ministers of war have contended that they must not be considered responsible for what their predecessors have done, and that as far as they are concerned they cannot be accused of acting one way or the other in the Dreyfus affair. But the time is approaching when the court of cassation will deliver its judgment, and M. de Freycinet, once more displaying the characteristics which earned for him the nickname of the "white mouse," has taken refuge in flight just before the verdict of the court is received. It would have been his duty to punish or dismiss those officers whom the court of appeal may find guilty. M. de Freycinet will have nothing to do with the liquidation of the "affaire." He will not risk his popularity with the army. At the same time he always considered himself the heir presumptive to M. Dupuy. He might have found it rather difficult to form the next cabinet had he fallen with the present one. By retiring before the storm has actually set in he safeguards his prestige and increases his chances. The ship may founder, now he is safe. It is preposterous to assert, as some of his admirers do, that he resigned because he was insultingly and persistently interrupted in the chamber the other day. M. de Freycinet may not be endowed with courage, but he is too old a politician almost ever since the fall of the empire, having held office in no fewer than thirteen cabinets. The charge of expressed disapproval of a section of the chamber at the suspension of M. Duruy, a lecturer on history at the Ecole Polytechnique, gave M. de Freycinet the chance he has been looking for to resign, and he seized it with characteristic adroitness.

Proud of His Ignorance.

M. Krantz, the new minister of war, is probably the only man in France who utterly ignores the latest developments of the "affaire." He must have been very busy of late, since he has found no time to read the *Figaro* revelations of anything concerning the Dreyfus case. The thing seems incredible, but M. Krantz himself is responsible for the statement. In fact, he seems rather proud of his ignorance, and thinks that after such an admission nobody will think of suspecting his impartiality. He is known to be a very intimate friend and disciple of M. Meunier. He was an anti-revisionist; nobody knows what he is today. As for M. Monestier, the revisionist scoundrel whom M. Dupuy has chosen to succeed M. Krantz as minister of public works, he evidently accepted on the principle that a short tenure of office is better than no tenure at all. He must not expect to have a very long reign. M. Dupuy's choice is intended to conciliate the senate, the hostility of which he greatly dreads. The senate may be pleased by the move, but it cannot forget and will not forgive.

Sunday Papers in London.

I learn from a well-informed source that neither of the two new Sunday newspapers, the *Telegraph* and *Mail*, whose publication seven days a week has caused such a stir here, is paying, and that both proprietors would be glad to relinquish their undertakings. Mr. Harmsworth, the owner of the *Telegraph*, is making an offer to Sir Edward Lawson to cease publishing if the *Telegraph* would do the same, so would his letter as to make the offer impossible of acceptance. He said that the Sunday edition was only started because the *Telegraph* had announced its intention of doing so, and it was in order to safeguard the property which had been built up in the past three years.

To accept the offer to stop would have been acknowledgment on the part of the *Telegraph* that Mr. Harmsworth had safeguarded his property and had hurt the *Telegraph* in its *Telegraph* has taken no notice at all of the offer.

A Burning Question.

Apart from monetary conditions, it looks as if the question of the new Sunday editions might become a burning one. I hear that the government and a large number of members on both sides are overwhelmed with representations on the subject, and it is stated that Mr. Balfour has privately asked a question which was to have been put to the government should be postponed. This looks as if ministers were of opinion that the matter calls for further consideration. It is true, too, that memorials to the committees of several influential clubs have been sent out against the importation of the new journals into the ranks of the army. Some of the working-men leaders are also moving in the matter. Of course, those who are opposed to the innovation recognize that their great difficulty is in the existence of vested interests. Sunday newspapers have been published here for the greater part of the present century, but such of them as remain are all weekly papers, and most of them can assert that they are purely and absolutely one-day-a-week issues. Some of the others are connected with daily papers, and it is perhaps correct to say that they have none of them attracted any great amount of attention outside the limited public who buy them. The point of complaint at the present moment

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is that large concern which have already an enormous issue during six days of the week should seek to "flood the town" with their broad-sheets on the Sunday, not to supply any actual want, but merely to add to their present profits. It is interesting to note that the cry of extending Sunday editions of the *Telegraph* and *Mail* has been raised by a considerable number of members on both sides are overwhelmed with representations on the subject, and it is stated that Mr. Balfour has privately asked a question which was to have been put to the government should be postponed. This looks as if ministers were of opinion that the matter calls for further consideration. It is true, too, that memorials to the committees of several influential clubs have been sent out against the importation of the new journals into the ranks of the army. Some of the working-men leaders are also moving in the matter. Of course, those who are opposed to the innovation recognize that their great difficulty is in the existence of vested interests. Sunday newspapers have been published here for the greater part of the present century, but such of them as remain are all weekly papers, and most of them can assert that they are purely and absolutely one-day-a-week issues. Some of the others are connected with daily papers, and it is perhaps correct to say that they have none of them attracted any great amount of attention outside the limited public who buy them. The point of complaint at the present moment

thing pitiable in an author of Sir Edwin's known ability grinding out a weekly column of small talk. His last week's "talk" was on New York harbor subjects, "Home Again" (the queen's arrival), "America's Answer" (the American reply to the Stafford House resolution of last year), "Yankee Doodle," "Buttercups," "Mosquitoes," "Animal Cries" and "Traces." In his column of the previous week Sir Edwin gives it as his opinion that the Americans might conquer the Philippines if they would undertake the reformation of three customs which at present keep the states back from a glorious future. The first is "reading the small print in the newspapers, which is rendering the people myopic," the second is "the baleful habit of drinking cold water before and during meals." This last he stigmatizes as "a hidden Nemesis arising from the too obstinate independence of the race." Nemesis apparently takes the shape of dyspepsia, owing to plated knives being too dull to cut food. After assuring Americans that he "loves and occasionally admires the United States," Sir Edwin Arnold ends this precious thought as follows: "If Liberty were only step down for a minute from her pedestal in New York harbor and set these three unnoticed matters right, Senor Aguinaldo would be of no great account to the future of Columbia."

The opera season which opened in London last night does not promise to be unexciting. The program is hackneyed, some

of the best singers are absent, and the chorus last night in "Lohengrin" was abominable. Herr Mottl, the Bayreuth conductor, so dragged the tempo that it seemed to disconcert Jean de Reszke, and prevented him from putting his usual life into his part. Frau Mottl, who made her operatic debut in London as Elsa, was a disappointment. Her voice is small and was overpowered by the conductor's use of bass effects. It is too early to judge of her work, however, from a first performance. The rest of the singers were ordinary, and if last night may be accepted as an earnest of the season the opera, this year will become little more than a social function. Covent Garden was brilliant as far as the audience was concerned. Three members of royalty, the usual number of nobility and nearly all the leaders of society were present. The house blazed with jewels.

High Prices for Pictures.

Some one has said that the price of pictures is as good a test as any of the prosperity of the country. If this be true, the prices given at the sale of the collection of the late Sir John Fowler show that the country is in a highly prosperous condition. A landscape by Hobbema brought 9,100 guineas, and a view of Venice by Turner 8,200 guineas. A view of Oxford by Turner was sold for 4,000 guineas, and a "Chat Round the Brasso" by John Philip, for 2,000 guineas. Rosa Bonheur's "Highland Cattle" was sold for 1,400 guineas. It is remarkable that "The Order of Release,"

by Sir J. E. Millais, did not bring more than 500 guineas, and a "Dream of Dawn" by the same artist, 410 guineas. It is again asserted, and said to be tolerably certain, that Lord Cadogan will retire at an early date from the lord lieutenantship of Ireland. The post will, I am told, be offered to Lord Derby, but that peer is very busy, and it is not at all probable that he will see his way to accept the honor. In that case it will go to the Duke of Marlborough, and we shall then have two American vice-queens—Lady Curzon in India and the Duchess of Marlborough in Ireland.

Movement of Atlantic Troopships.

The funeral ship *Crook*, which has been transformed into a regular army transport, will sail from New York tomorrow for Savannah, Ga., where she will embark the 24th Regiment of Infantry for transportation to Cienfuegos, Cuba. The transport *Dixie*, which brought the 4th Regiment of Infantry home from Manzanillo, will also leave New York tomorrow with about 600 recruits for Havana.

But Few Respond.

Not more than eight or nine persons responded to the call last evening at Society Temple for a meeting of those Northern Liberty market house claimants whose payment has been enjoined. In view of the small attendance, no attempt was made to raise funds with which to defeat the injunction proceedings.

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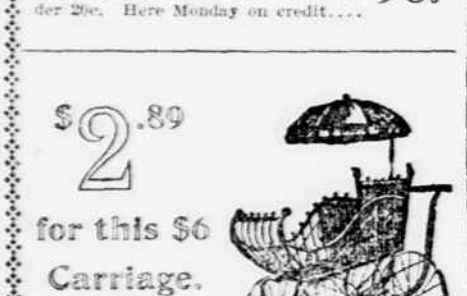
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MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

Seventh Anniversary Celebrated by Howard University Students.

The seventh anniversary of the music department of Howard University was celebrated last evening in the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel, in the presence of a very large audience. General George H. Harries, who had been selected as the orator of the occasion, was unable to be present.

The program was quite lengthy. Those who took part were Rev. Dr. Rankin, Rev. J. B. Chamberlin, the Misses A. L. Mott, C. F. Peckitt, L. A. Turner, E. G. Rankin, Rev. William Tunnell, C. F. Rich, H. P. Payne, A. M. Patterson, M. Morton, C. Wright, H. W. Harley, James Harris, the university choir and the President's Glee Club.

The entertainment was in charge of a committee composed of Henry J. Wallace, Augustus D. Edwards, Martha Bishop, Minnie Carr, Fannie Wright, Josephine Carter, Laura Hamilton, Gertrude Ryan, Effie Johnson, Lizzie Allen, Helen Young and India Hamilton.

The music department, it was announced,

has 104 pupils, and there are in the entire university 911 students.

Holds Its Final Meeting.

The Abolition Club held its last regular meeting for the season Wednesday evening with Mrs. Cunningham and Miss Van Doren, 647 East Capitol street. Mr. L. D. Clark presided. The meeting opened with a vocal solo by Miss Brostrom. The recitation was by Miss McCree. The recitation was by Miss McCree. The recitation was by Miss McCree.

The executive committee submitted a program for next year's work. It was decided to hold the annual excursion in June, and the club adjourned until October. Refreshments were served.

Among those present were Dr. and Mrs. Croft, Mr. and Mrs. Abbot, Mr. and Mrs. Bessie, Mr. and Mrs. Clum, Mr. and Mrs. McCree, Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Pierce, Mr. Croissant, Mr. Brock, Miss Dyer, Mr. and Miss Hopkins, Mrs. Erdman, Miss Merritt, Miss Renfield, Mrs. E. F. Van Doren, Miss May Van Doren and Mrs. Bradley.